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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed September 30, 2002 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due on December 30, 2002. A Petition for a Two-month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, extending the time to respond up to and including February 28, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter and Petition for Extension of Time;
- Information Disclosure Statement;
- Form PTO-1449;
- Reference AA; and
- Postcard.

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